



ACS Puget Sound Section
Book Discussion led by John Shafer
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Looking Like the Enemy
By Mary Matsuda Gruenewald

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The bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 is remembered every year as “the date which will live in infamy” as declared by President Roosevelt. The USS Arizona Memorial, the resting place of over 1,000 US sailors, is a popular destination for tourists. However, little is said about the fate of the over 100,000 American citizens with Japanese ancestry whose lives were changed forever after that historic day. Mary Matsuda Gruenewald, a Vashon Island native, and a survivor of the internment camps, shares her experience in her book, Looking Like the Enemy. Her story is an important lesson for all of us.

Link to Zoom Virtual meeting room

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88213278482?pwd=SmlncDY2SzZkQTlxbWpHUlpOdVUyQT09>



John L. Shafer received a B.S. in Chemistry from Allegheny College in Meadville, Pa, and taught chemistry and maths for two years at St Augustine College, Cape Coast, Ghana as a Peace Corps Volunteer. He received a Ph.D. in Chemistry in 1971 from the University of California, Berkeley, and a M.S. in Petroleum Engineering from the University of Houston in 1991. During the past 45 years he has worked in the broad area of chemistry and mechanics of porous media with the energy industry (minerals, coal, oil shale, & petroleum). He retired from Exxon and then worked as a petrophysical consultant to oil companies for the next seventeen years. For 25 years, John was active in the International Society of Core Analysts and was their President for a year. John has also been an ACS member for 55 years. John and his wife Christie return to Ghana for two months most years since 1999. John has been involved with local Ghanaian University of Science and Technology mentoring Petroleum Engineering students and junior faculty. Twelve years ago, John and Christie moved from Houston to Anacortes, WA, to be near their two sons and their families.